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REMARKS

Applicants have received and reviewed the Office Action in the form of a Restriction Requirement that was mailed on September 27, 2006. By way of response, Applicants have canceled claims 1-4, 15-18, 62-65, 90-93, and 98-101 without prejudice and added claims 127-159. No new matter is added. Applicants submit that the newly presented claims are supported by the specification. Claims 127-159 are pending.

The Office Action asserts that claims 1-126 are pending. Applicants respectfully point out that numerous claims were canceled upon filing the application. The transmittal papers stated "Cancel original claims 5-14, 19-61, 66-89, 94-97 and 102-126 of this application without prejudice before calculating the filing fee." Applicants respectfully request confirmation from the Office that these claims were canceled before calculating the filing fee.

For at least the reasons below, Applicants submit that the newly presented claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Extension of Time

Applicants note that a three-month extension of time is required for the timeliness of this response. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time which extends the time for response from October 27, 2006 to January 27, 2007, which fell on a Saturday, extending the time for response to January 29, 2007.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Without acquiescing to the statements made in the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group IV for prosecution in the instant application. Newly presented claims 127-146 relate to a lubricant composition. Newly presented claims 147-159 relate to a method of lubricating. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 127-146 are in Group IV and that claims 147-159 are in Group III. Accordingly, Applicants request examination of claims 127-146, which are the claims of Group IV.

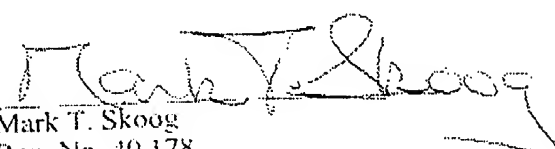
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Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement because it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to search and examine all the claims. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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